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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
LAL *et al.*) Art Unit: 1636
Application No. 09/890,551) Examiner: Marvich, M.
Filing Date: August 1, 2001) Confirmation No. 4683
For: METHOD AND REAGENTS FOR)
MOLECULAR DETECTION OF)
HIV-1 GROUPS M, N, AND O)

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Customer No. 23859

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

<u> X </u>	One Month	\$110.00	(\$ 55.00)*
<u> </u>	Two Months	\$410.00	(\$205.00)*
<u> </u>	Three Months	\$930.00	(\$465.00)*
<u> </u>	Four Months	\$1,450.00	(\$725.00)*
<u> </u>	Five Months	\$1,970.00	(\$985.00)*

* Small Entity

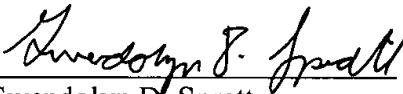
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Respectfully submitted,

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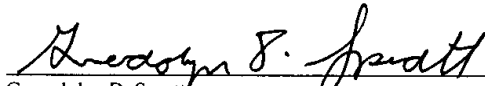
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